DA Continues Hunt for Probe Witness Novel

Stevens item
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District Attorney Jim Garrison's office today continued a search for a reluctant assassination probe witness, who skipped town early this week.

Gordon Novel, 29, [illegible] been tagged by Garrison as an important [illegible] witness for the Orleans Parish Grand Jury which is looking at the Kennedy investigation, was reported seeking refuge in Chicago.

His attorney, Steven B. Plotkin, says he knows where Novel is staying, but will not tell.

NOVEL SOLD HIS bar on the fringe of the French Quarter Sunday and left town before a second grand jury subpoena could be served. He appeared before the jury on March 16. Plotkin confirmed that Novel moved out of his apartment during the [illegible].

Novel popped up in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday [illegible].

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